



HARMONIZED SYSTEM
REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

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OBJECTIONS TO THE HS AMENDMENTS SET OUT IN THE
COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION OF 25 JUNE 1999

(Item III.C on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0090E2, Annex Q (HSC/23 – Report)
NR0072B2, Annex D/16 (RSC/20 – Report)
NR0085E1 (RSC/21)

1. On 1 July 1999, the Secretary General informed Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention of the amendments to the Harmonized System Nomenclature recommended by the Council in accordance with Article 16 of the Convention (Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999).
2. The six-month period for Contracting Parties to enter an objection to the recommended amendments, under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the aforementioned Article 16, expired on 31 December 1999.
3. The United States Administration has notified the Secretary General that it enters an objection to the following recommended amendments :
 - New Subheading Note 2 to Chapter 85 pertaining to subheadings 8524.31, 8524.40 and 8524.91;
 - Amendments to the structured nomenclature of heading 85.24 (subheadings 8524.31 to 8524.40 and 8524.91).
4. Since no other Contracting Parties have entered objections, the other recommended amendments are deemed to be accepted and will enter into force on 1 January 2002.

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5. The Review Sub-Committee is invited to note that the aforementioned objections have the following repercussions for its work relating to amendment of the Explanatory Notes consequential upon the Council Recommendation.

Texts already adopted

6. The following amendments should be made in Annex D/16 to Doc. NR0072B2 (RSC/20 - Report) :

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- Delete item 3;
- Items 4 and 5 to be renumbered 3 and 4 respectively;
- In present item 4 (renumbered 3), replace "Note 3" by "Note 2" in the introduction and "3.-" by "2.-" at the beginning of the Explanatory Note.

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- Delete the texts relating to page 1486 (reference to that page and items 1 and 2);
- Delete the text relating to page 1487, heading 85.24, first paragraph, Item (9).
The Secretariat points out, in this connection, that this amendment was intended to describe the characteristics of digital audio discs (Doc. 42.500, Annex A/8, paragraph 5 - RSC/18 - Report).

Texts to be examined at RSC/21

7. Item II.A.12 on the Agenda for this session (New Subheading Explanatory Note for digital video discs) is deleted. Consequently, Doc. NR0085E1 of 15 December 1999 on this question is to be regarded as null and void.
